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Sir:

## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

In response to the Office Action of April 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## In the Claims

- 1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) In a multi-layer biaxially oriented polyolefin film, the combination comprising:
- a. a biaxially oriented surface layer of said film comprising a thermoplastic polymer capable of forming a heat seal with a corresponding thermoplastic polymer upon heating to an elevated temperature and compression; and